

SHAFTS FROM SPORTLAND

By GUS MALBERT.

So they are going to form a league of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Hampton?

Bully. Here's hoping the greatest success in the world comes to the promoters. Winn Clarke and Billy Lannan are said to be the promoters.

Just to show that I'm a sport, will let every nickel of my \$200 a week that the new league dies a-borning.

Not a chance on earth for such an organization, and it probably has originated in the mind of some malcontent who has a grudge against the Virginia League.

In the first place it would have to be outlaw baseball. And in the second place there would be no money in it, and the same reason holds in the third and fourth and fifth places.

But welcome nevertheless. Organized league by all means. It can't hurt anyone, and if there is an innocent individual whose facial growth of sugarbush needs trimming, why trim. Minute, trim.

The Virginia League is now the original home of peace. Tranquillity supreme. Maybe there are a few axes hid behind the frock coats of the magnates, but they are being carried in peace, chivalric style, so no harm is done.

Charlie Babb writes me from Memphis that he is working hard to get a whole new team to get together, but that he hopes to give Norfolk not only a team which will be well up in the race, but on which will reflect credit upon the entire State.

Nice sentiments those, and I, for one, believe that Babb will make good.

Pity that by some oversight the athletes from Richmond College were not properly registered with the A. A. U. From what can be learned, it appears that the local squad could have cleaned up the Maryland Aggies, against whom they were matched.

Experience must be gained some time, and it is well that the oversight was discovered in time. Now the boys can get to work planning and scheming to make the open air meet in April the success which it should be and which it doubtless will be.

Local bowlers are now on edge. Time for the big tournament is rapidly approaching, and Captain Billy is behind his men to keep them practicing all of the time.

I feel sorry for the man who has been able to discover only twenty-three "hopes." Personally my record has passed the eighty-fifth station.

However, one must admire the suggestion that should Jack Johnsons break a neck or an arm while playing a number of eligible "black man's" hopes in Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, and Sam McVey.

James E. Sullivan, secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, is proposing some radical changes in the rules of the organization.

In the first place he wants the district registration committee done away with, and one man substituted instead. His reason, which appears plausible, is that the trouble arises there is continual shifting of responsibility. With the one man idea prevailing, all of this trouble would be eliminated.

Next he wants to prevent any athlete from competing on any club until two years shall have elapsed since his release from any other club. For this change he advances the very good reason that under the present system the smaller clubs, after they have trained and worked on an athlete and developed him, lose the man when he is at his best, because of the greater advantages which can be offered by the larger and richer clubs.

He also advocates not allowing college athletes to engage in games as a member of an organized club until after their graduation from college. Most college men will subscribe to this amendment at once for the reason that athletes at college are always expected to race only under college colors.

Taken as a whole, Sullivan's suggestions appear right and just. There is much question as to whether they will be adopted, however, because of the radical changes they would make.

Note that Bob Pender and Bob Black, both old Virginia League umpires, are among the men on President Brown's staff of umpires in the Eastern League for this season. Good luck to both of them, and may they not share Bill Byron's fate.

It has been definitely determined to hold the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia next year, despite all of the talk to the contrary.

Pan Johnson, because of the trouble experienced last year in the Cobb-Lajoie dispute, has decided to return to the secret scoring system. In this way no one knows who is the official scorer and cannot influence them.

By the way, this leads me on to say that personally I should regard it as unwise on the part of President Wil-

liams to name as official scorer any newspaper man in any town in which there are opposition papers.

The public will see at a glance that such an arrangement is manifestly with the spirit which have not the official scorer on their staff. For instance, it matters not how conscientious a man may be in scoring a game, or how assiduous he may be in his duty, there is little likelihood of his being exactly of the same mind as official scorer in every detail of the game.

If the official scorer is working for an opposition paper the result could be that that paper would print the official score, while the other newspapers would, by very force of circumstances, be wrong, yet there would be no evidence to prove that the judgment of the official scorer was any better than the judgment of the unattached scorers.

The official scorer, except in towns where there is but one newspaper, should be an independent individual, who would either be instructed to keep his official figure secret until the end of the season, or permit each man on each paper to get a copy, or compare with the official figure. Under any other conditions each of the papers not having the official scorer would be at a disadvantage.

The salary attaching is not sufficient to make it attractive to a newspaper man, who has other duties, and it would work no hardship to make the position independent of the papers. The only advantage to be gained out of having a newspaper man as official scorer is to the paper employing the man, and this is a wholly unfair advantage. It is hoped that President Williams will read this and react accordingly, for it means a great deal for the success of the league.

Watch the way the Richmond Amateur League is going to run its affairs, and then learn, ye magnates, learn.

McAler, of the Senators, has decided to hold daily meetings with the players when he will give them direct instructions of what to do.

AMUSEMENTS

Biyou—The Hanlons.

Lubin—Vaudeville.

"Frank Daniel in the Train." The Academy to-morrow and Wednesday evenings. In Charles Dillingham's musical comedy production, "The Girl in the Train," the author of the musical rage of Europe for the past year. Originally produced in Vienna, the "Girl in the Train" (Die Geschichte einer Frau) has been translated into a dozen different languages, and has been a universal success. The American version was made by Harry B. Smith from the German of Victor Leon (author of "The Merry Widow"). The music is by Leo Fall, the famous composer of "The Dollar Princess," and is said to be of a high order. The story is hilariously funny, the first act showing Mr. Daniels as the presiding judge in a divorce court, when a wife sues her husband because he gave up his compartment in a sleeping car to an actress under circumstances which appear ridiculous, and the great-est of all. They worked over the audience without nets, something no actress would dare to do. They also performed something that has never been duplicated by the others, an act called the "Zampilliarostation." Two brothers came from trapezes in opposite ends of the auditorium, and threw a third from one to the other, the Hanlon in midair performing three somersaults.

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Peabody Concert Company. The recital of the Peabody Concert Company, at the Academy, A. Hall on Friday, February 10, promises to be a social, as well as artistic success. The program selected for the occasion is one of unusual interest, and with the ability of the artists, the needs of Richmond can look forward to a treat of the rarest excellence. Great interest has been aroused over the appearance of the concert representatives of this renowned conservatory, as the Peabody ranks foremost among the musical institutions of the country. Its large endowment makes it possible for it to maintain a staff of sixty European and American masters, a thorough equipment for the advancement of musical culture. It is practically the only endowed conservatory of its kind in this country. Its director, Harold Bauer, is a first-class pianist, and received his entire musical education at the conservatory of which he is now the head. He is a pianist of exceptional breadth and covering, high artistic standards and brilliant technical mastery and ranks as one of America's leading pianists.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Snow or rain in north, rain in south portion Monday or Monday night and Tuesday; increasing northerly to east winds. North Carolina—Rain Monday in interior and by night on the coast; Tuesday, moderate northerly to east winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

Fair, Sunday midnight temperature, 32.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place. Ther. H. T. Weather.

Athens 68 76 Cloudy

Baltimore 41 56 Cloudy

Boston 42 58 Clear

Atlanta 36 40 Clear

Boston 42 58 Clear

Buffalo 19 16 Clear

Charleston 52 60 Clear

Chicago 24 25 Snow

Detroit 51 51 Clear

Duluth 12 12 Cloudy

Galveston 63 72 Clear

Jacksonville 11 16 Snow

Jupiter 70 78 Cloudy

Kansas City 44 41 Clear

Knox 50 50 Cloudy

Louisville 40 40 Cloudy

Memphis 56 58 Cloudy

Mobile 66 70 P. cloudy

New Orleans 50 50 P. cloudy

New York 24 26 Clear

Norfolk 38 46 Clear

Omaha 50 50 P. cloudy

Philadelphia 54 54 Cloudy

Pittsburgh 28 28 Cloudy

Raleigh 46 52 Clear

Savannah 50 54 Cloudy

San Francisco 50 54 Cloudy

Spokane 31 38 Cloudy

St. Paul 14 14 Snow

Tampa 68 78 Clear

Washington 32 38 Clear

Wilmington 50 58 P. cloudy

Wichita 40 48 Cloudy

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MR. DREXEL TO BE MESSENGER BOY

New York, February 5.—Ordinarily if a new messenger boy asked for a day off almost the minute he started work on his new job he would be in danger of being "fired" for his failure to realize the seriousness of business, or if his "boss" were a man of another calibre he might be in line for immediate promotion for his colossal "nerve." Yet, with apparent disregard for his future, perhaps even without having thought of the possible consequences, just this program is being contemplated by Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., son of Anthony J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, husband of Marjorie Gould, soon-to-be brother-in-law of Lord Deedes. He is the latest recruit to the long row of messenger boys in the brokerage offices of E. & C. Randolph, of 111 Broadway.

Mr. Drexel has only had his new job for two days. He was put on the salary list on Friday. He starts work at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning. Asked by a reporter whether his new activities would interfere with the part planned for him in the wedding festivities on Tuesday, Mr. Drexel said that he thought not.

"They can't," he said. "Why, I've got to be an usher, I'll have to be there."

He said, however, that he had not asked for the "day off" yet, but he appeared to think that he would be able to get it, "all right."

It is not with the intention of making work as a messenger boy his career that Mr. Drexel is starting out in the wilds of Wall Street to-morrow. A period of initiation is all that he contemplates. He is going downtown to learn the brokerage business, and, like many another wealthy man's son, he will climb as far up the ladder as competition and the world will let him.

Mr. Drexel has already had four years' experience in banking with the firm of Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, and he said last night that he wanted to learn the brokerage business.

In answer to a question as to what he intends to do when he has added a knowledge of the brokerage business to his banking lore, he merely shrugged his shoulders. At the time of Mr. Gould's marriage to him there was much speculation whether he would later take an interest in railroad affairs and possibly an active part in the management of certain railroad properties.

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MRS. CECIL BINGHAM.

Bridegroom's Eighteen-Year-Old Daughter One of Five Who Witness Ceremony.

The New York World pointed out the following in its Sunday edition: London, February 4.—Mrs. Samuel Sloan Chauncey, of New York, who before marriage was the daughter of a daughter of Colonel Montemorelli Carr, of Louisville, Ky., was married quite privately to-day by special license in the old Venetian point lace, Christ Church, Down Street, Mayfair, to General the Honorable Cecil Bingham, lately in command of the First Life Guards, and a brother of the Earl of Lucan.

The ceremony, short and simple, was conducted by the Rev. Ernest Stafford Hilliard, the rector of the church. There was no bridesmaid.

The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Lord Newborough, who married Grace Carr. She seemed to be nervous, but looked extremely beautiful in a dress of dove gray silk covered with fine old Venetian point lace. Her head dress was a turban, with feathers. She wore a double necklace of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom, and a splendid diamond ring.

Only about a dozen people were in the church. Among those present were General Bingham's eighteen-year-old daughter and several other members of the bridegroom's family. Lady Lis-bon, the Countess of Essex were the only Americans there.

The marriage party went to church from the Ritz Hotel, where Mrs. Chauncey has been staying, having left her house. There was no reception. The bride and bridegroom left in the afternoon for Paris, where they will remain for a week. They will return to their home in England. Lord Bingham, the general's nephew, married Miss Spender Clay, whose brother wedded Pauline Astor.

Lady Canard had a week-end party at Nevill Holt for the engaged couple last week, when Astor was also staying with her, she and Mrs. Chauncey being noted rivals.

Trying to Speak the Madame's Tongue

Richmond Folk Digging Up Old French Books to Bluff at Understanding Her.

The Richmond man who once went to Paris, read the Paris edition of a New York newspaper, printed in English, and then remarked when he came home that the French language was just like the English when printed, but different when spoken, will find his mental faculties out of plumb if he goes to hear Sarah Bernhardt next week.

The madame will present—hush, whisper it—"Camille," but in view of some events she will put on everything in French. There will be no English words to shock.

This will probably be Mme. Bernhardt's farewell appearance in Richmond. She is sixty-six years old, even if she does not look it, and she is raking in the francs before her time comes to quit. There are not many in this city who speak French intelligently. A good many of them speak the language of the tribe, but Bernhardt does not. She is above it. But there is a general desire, especially in fashionable circles, to become educated. Old French dictionaries are being brought down from the attics. Book store men are asked daily for "the version." But nobody is thoughtful enough to lay in an adequate supply.

The last time Bernhardt played here the boxes and front seats in the orchestra were occupied by handsome, well-groomed people, most of whom carried books which they consulted frequently. Three men who had no books took to a saloon after the first act. Two called for highballs and one called for a book. When they returned to the theatre each carried a beautiful volume—one a history of the United States, one a book of cotton fluctuations and one a bartender's guide. They turned over a page when somebody in the boxes gave the cue. So if you can not find an English version of Mme. Bernhardt's "Camille," carry old book document will do, provided you know

Dr. Granville B. Lewis III. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., February 5.—Dr. Granville B. Lewis, superintendent of the Lynchburg Female Asylum, sustained a stroke of paralysis last night, and his condition is such that he is not expected to survive the night.

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NEWS PAPER MAN HELD FOR RAIL

Famous Elosser-Twigg Case at Cumberland Results in Another Sensation.

Cumberland, Md., February 5.—The Elosser-Twigg case caused another sensation in Cumberland. John W. McConaughy, a staff correspondent of the New York Evening Journal, was arrested here shortly after noon yesterday at the instance of State's Attorney David A. Robb on two warrants sworn out by the latter, charging criminal libel.

Mr. McConaughy was taken to jail and later released on a \$4,000 bond, furnished by Colonel John W. Alviret, editor and proprietor of the Cumberland Evening Times, and Frank Lee Carl, city editor of the Cumberland Daily News. The warrant says: "McConaughy, a well-known and maliciously write and publish of and concerning David A. Robb, State's attorney for Allegany county, a certain scandalous and malicious libel imputing corruption and malfeasance, and that he (Robb) corruptly and unlawfully failed in his official performance of the duties of his office."

This action is founded on articles alleged to have been sent by Mr. McConaughy to the New York Evening Journal, in which the correspondent is alleged to have stated that State's Attorney Robb failed to probe the Twigg-Elosser tragedy because of political influence exerted by Frederick Mertens of Washington, D. C., and Cumberland, Md. Mr. Mertens is the senior member of the firm of F. Mertens & Sons, coal and lumber operators, the owner of Marshall Hall. One of the warrants charges Mr. McConaughy with libel.

Immediate Hearing Refused. Mr. McConaughy was taken before Justice Jacob B. Humbird, and Captain Philip Roman, his attorney, demanded an immediate hearing. Attorney Robb, who was present, said the State was not ready with its testimony, whereupon Captain Roman wanted to know upon what the warrant was based, if the testimony was not forthcoming, that Mr. Robb knew Americans and have them in half an hour. Mr. Robb insisted on postponing a hearing, and Justice Humbird agreed. Mr. Roman said that the State did not want more than \$500 bond.

States Attorney Robb contended for a much heavier bond. He said the State did not want the New York Journal's money, but it wanted the man, adding: "Here is a man from a big city. He may go back there if the bail is light. When Mr. Robb said the New York Journal's money was not wanted Mr. Roman inquired: 'Then you do not intend to institute civil proceedings for damages?'"

Mr. Robb replied that it was his aim

to punish McConaughy criminally, and he prophesied that he would succeed. While plans were being made as the result of orders from New York to arrange a bond through a bonding company for any amount the two local newspaper men volunteered to go on the bond of Mr. McConaughy, and he was quickly released from custody.

Witness to Be Summoned. His hearing is set for next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is understood that the witnesses to be summoned by State's Attorney Robb include representatives of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Michael F. O'Neill, the owner of the Cumberland News Company, newspaper distributor, Frederick Mertens and Frank Lee Carl.

Mr. Robb has threatened action for libel against several other newspaper men. The arrest of Mr. McConaughy has caused great excitement and has opened with renewed energy a discussion of the famous tragedy. Mr. McConaughy has been here ten days working on the case. The articles of Mr. McConaughy refer to the frequent conferences between Robb and Frederick Mertens since the tragedy. Mr. Robb has said these conferences as having pertained to business matters, he being an attorney for Mr. Mertens.

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Revival services began yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. The services were opened by Rev. J. J. Wicker, pastor of the Leigh Street Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. J. W. Durham, pastor of Bainbridge Street Baptist Church. The service was largely attended, and unusual interest manifested by the congregation in the series which will last through the week. The services will begin each night this week at 7:30 o'clock.

Several new voices have been added to the choir, which carried out a special program yesterday. On account of the service yesterday afternoon the usual evening service was dispensed with last night.

Conclude Slender Case. Argument before the jury in the \$6,000 damage suit alleging slander of Nannie Profit against Annie Opelman, which has been in progress for several days in Hastings Court, Part II, will begin at noon today. The case will be argued by counsel at 10 o'clock, Judge Wells having allotted one hour to each side for this purpose.

Several of the proceedings in this case have been heard behind closed doors, only court officers and witnesses being admitted.

The evidence brought out has been highly sensational, and interest in the outcome is general among residents of the Southside.

Meet To-Morrow. An important meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Interested in Jubilee. Members of the various women's missionary societies of South Richmond churches are displaying marked interest in the Jubilee of Women's Foreign Missionary Societies, which opened yesterday afternoon in the City Auditorium. There was a large delegation.

Branch Johnson TO LEAD IN FIGHT

"Insurgents" to Test Strength of "Old Guard" Republicans in Norfolk.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Norfolk, Va., February 5.—The first test of strength for control of the Republican party in Norfolk city between the "insurgents" and the "old guard" was held here to-day. It was held by Paul Keer, Luther H. Way and other young Republicans, and the "Old Guard," led by National Republican Committeeman Alvah Martin, will come in the post-office fight. This became evident when Branch Johnson, captain of the Norfolk Light Infantry, former captain of the university football team, and former commandant of Virginia Military Institute, announced his candidacy for the Norfolk post office, and Alvah H. Martin, the present postmaster and Alvah H. Martin's friend.

Johnson is recognized as one of the leaders of the young men of Norfolk. He stands high socially, and in the business world, as well as in the Norfolk Association, of which he is a member. He was selected to lead the fight against Alvah Martin's friend because of his strength and prominence in the city.

"If President Taft will appoint Johnson," said one of the "insurgents," in discussing the situation to-day, "we will elect Alvah Martin's biggest power in the Second District."

"The post-office is the biggest source of political power in Norfolk. To take it from the Martin following and place it in the hands of an independent man like Johnson, it will mean the reorganization of the Republican party in Norfolk."

With Johnson's announcement came developments that the younger Republicans of Norfolk are organizing for the next election fight on Martin. They will carry their fight to the White House, and there will lay bare the Republican record in Norfolk. Johnson is selected as one of the leaders in this fight on Martin within his own party, which is the first time that the middle opposition has arisen to oppose the national committee.

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